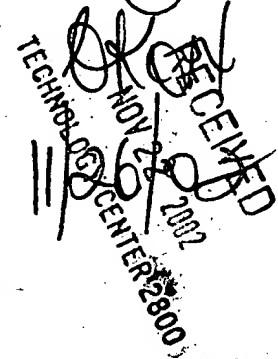


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SHOZO HATTORI, et al. ) : Examiner: M. Nghiem  
Application No.: 09/543,331 ) : Group Art Unit: 2861  
Filed: April 5, 2000 ) :  
For: INK ABSORBENT, INK )  
TANK, INK CARTRIDGE, )  
METHOD FOR )  
MANUFACTURING INK )  
ABSORBENT, AND METHOD )  
FOR MANUFACTURING INK )  
TANK ) : November 19, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for taking action in response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2002 for one month from October 2, 2002 to November 24, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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